

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
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SUBJECT: LDC ENERGY PROGRAM

REF: 77 STATE 307518 (NOTAL)

1. OVER LUNCH AT THE RESIDENCE JANUARY 31, I ACQUAINTED  
TURKISH MINISTER OF ENERGY, DENIZ BAYKAL, WITH US  
PROPOSAL THAT TURKEY BE INCLUDED IN PILOTPROJECT TO ASSIST  
SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR  
INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES AND IN DEFINITION  
OF SUITABLE ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS. I LEFT WITH MINISTER  
MEMORANDUM DESCRIBING PROPOSAL.

2. WHILE MINISTER DID NOT TURN DOWN PROPOSAL, HE  
SHOWED NO GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR IT. HE INDICATED THAT HIS  
IMMEDIATE CONCERN WAS TO FIND THE MEANS TO INCREASE  
TURKEY'S ENERGY PRODUCTION CAPACITY BY WHATEVER MEANS. THE  
COUNTRY'S LACK OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE LIMITS NEW INVESTMENT  
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POSSIBILITIES AND EVEN THREATENS INTERRUPTION OF  
TURKEY'S IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND ELECTRIC POWER.  
HARASSED BY THESE IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS, MINISTER APPEARS TO  
BE ABLE TO GIVE ONLY LIMITED ATTENTION AT THIS STAGE TO  
FORWARD PLANNING.

3. MINISTER ACCEPTED SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER DIS-

CUSSION OF PROPOSAL, POSSIBLE BETWEEN A VISITING OFFICIAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS STAFF WAS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ASSEMBLED. HE THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE PEOPLE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

4. RECOMMENDED ACTION: I SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CONSIDER SENDING AN EXPERT HERE, NOT SOONER THAN TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE ENERGY PROJECT IN DETAIL. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE TURKS IF THE PROJECT COULD BE TAILORED (A) TO HELPING THEM IDENTIFY COURSES OF ACTION WHICH COULD RELIEVE THEIR ENERGY SHORTAGE IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT-TERM WITH A MINIMUM EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, (B) TO PROVIDING THEM WITH THE BASIS FOR SOUND LONG-TERM PLANNING. THIS IS UNDOUBTEDLY ASKING A LOT, BUT THIS IS, AFTER ALL, THE MIRACLE THAT THE MINISTER IS EXPECTED TO PERFORM AS HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE STAYING POWER OF THE NEW ECEVIT GOVERNMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER.  
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